

SENATE DENIES ANY ATTEMPT TO DECRY OUR WAR EFFORTS

REPRESENTATIVE BYRNES SAYS ADMIRAL MUST HAVE CONFUSED CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH MANY PEOPLE WHILE IN EUROPE.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims denied today before the Senate Committee investigating naval awards that in conversations with Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina and other members of congress, he had sought to belittle America's efforts in the war.

The admiral said Mr. Byrnes "must either have misunderstood me or confused the remark made to him by the many people he talked to in Europe." He added that he did attempt to correct the idea in the minds of American visitors that the United States forces were "winning the war because this attitude was hurting us with our allies."

"They know it was not true and they knew we knew it was not true," Admiral Sims declared. "I am surprised that I should be quoted as saying the merchant marine should be left to Great Britain and the United States should not develop a merchant marine," he continued, "because I never held any opinion on that subject."

Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, declared that Admiral Sims had left the same impression in the minds of former Secretary of the Treasury Glass and Representative Whaley, Democrat, South Carolina, as conversations with them abroad and asked that they be called to testify before the sub-committee.

"I consider these charges very serious," said Senator Pittman, "and think Admiral Sims should be given an opportunity to clear himself." Chairman Hines announced that Senator Glass and Representative Whaley would be called before the committee later in the day.

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY KING GEORGE

London, Feb. 10.—London today witnessed, for the first time since 1914, the ancient ceremony of a state opening of parliament, with all its traditional pageantry.

King George, Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales, who accompanied the royal couple for the first time at such a function, proceeded from Buckingham Palace to Westminster in state carriages, escorted by mounted life guards. The royal party was received by members of the two Houses of Parliament in the House of Lords, where King George read the speech from the throne.

The route of the procession through the Mall and down Whitehall for more than a mile was lined by military in khaki, the guards regiments not having yet resumed their scarlet uniforms. The gilded state coach in which the king and queen rode was drawn by six black horses, with postillion outriders, while the five state landaus which followed carried pages of honor, the king's private secretary, equerries, the comptroller, chamberlain and other members of the royal household. Each landau was drawn by six bays.

A large group of state dignitaries, in regalia and bearing emblems of their offices, were gathered at the royal entrance beneath Victoria Tower to receive the king and queen. As the procession approached the royal salute of 41 guns was fired by a battery of the Royal Horse Artillery, stationed in St. James park, close by. Members of the House of Lords rose and bowed low when King George entered, and when the king and queen had seated themselves on the throne, a peer bearing the "cap of maintenance" stationed himself at their right, another carrying the sword of state took his position at their left, and other dignitaries grouped themselves about. The members of the House of Commons, who had been summoned to join the House of Lords, then entered.

Serious consideration of economic conditions throughout the country was urged upon the House of Commons today by the king in his speech from the throne. The king, however, counseled patience in the passage of far reaching reforms, which, he said, were necessary to meet abnormal conditions.

Better educational facilities, settlement of the Irish question, adjustment of coal mining controversies on an enduring basis and the regulation of the liquor traffic were asked for by the king, who also advocated the growth of more food stuffs at home. He said bills would be introduced in Parliament dealing with insurance against unemployment, regulation of working hours, minimum wages and anti-dumping.

After briefly referring to the Peace Conference His Majesty said he intended soon to ratify peace with Bulgaria and Austria. Negotiations for peace with Turkey, he added, were "being pressed forward with all possible speed." Referring to the recent conferences in Paris and London he said:

"I earnestly trust that as the result of these meetings a settlement of the long-continued Adriatic dispute will shortly be reached. In order however, to assure the full blessings of peace and prosperity to Europe it is essential that not only peace but normal conditions of life should be restored in Eastern Europe and in Russia. So long as these vast regions withhold their full contribution to the stock of commodities for general consumption, the cost of living can hardly be reduced or general pros-

McManus Works Out Solution

Considerable Comment Rampant Over Get-together Dinner

REACH CLOSER UNDERSTANDING

Considerable comment was rampant today in civic circles over the City government and Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Stratfield last night. When Mayor Wilson was asked what he thought the dinner had accomplished in the way of promoting closer co-operation between the two bodies he reiterated his statement of last night:

"The Chamber of Commerce should remember that the administration is the party responsible to the people. While the administration is trying to do the right thing it is entitled to the support from the chamber. The city government represents the will of the people of the city and is directly responsible to them."

Opinion was quite prevalent among city fathers and directors of the chamber that the dinner had reached a closer understanding had been reached, but outside of that nothing material had been accomplished in the way of inter-body organization.

President McManus of the board of aldermen, who in an extemporaneous speech accused the city fathers of not having possessed a single constructive idea in last year, has worked out the best solution offered thus far for the co-operative workings of both units.

Mr. McManus' plan would be to appoint an interchanging conference committee of five members from the Common Council, the number to conform to the standard of other municipal committees. The duties of this committee would be to attend all meetings and discussions of the subdivisions of the Chamber of Commerce and bring back to City Hall the bodies initiated by the chamber. The committee, or any member of it, could then introduce the idea or resolution to the council for discussion or passage.

There is some feeling among politicians in the city that the Chamber of Commerce is overstepping its bounds as an involuntary organization and meddling in affairs that are purely within the pale of the administration for solution.

Alderman McManus sought to explain this matter by pointing out that the Chamber of Commerce, if it did not exist or gave promise of arising in the future, was due to what he poignantly termed "the pride of authorship."

"In all civic affairs," he said, "the Chamber of Commerce should submerge itself because it is an irresponsible organization while the Common Council is a responsible one." In discussing the problems of both bodies, Mr. McManus spoke from a non-partisan standpoint since he is an active member of both organizations.

200 ARMED MEN CAPTURE CORK POLICE STATION

Cork, Ireland, Feb. 10.—After an attack lasting some time with an exchange of rifle shots two hundred armed men last night captured the Castle Mazer police station. The temporarily made prisoner the five policemen who defended and station. The raiders seized arms and ammunition and decamped.

SEEK TOBACCO MONOPOLY.

Paris, Feb. 10.—America has sounded France on the subject of the tobacco monopoly for this country being farmed out to the United States for a period of 25 years, according to reports current in Paris. A source yesterday, says the Journal.

In exchange, the United States would guarantee, in one way or another, a sum totalling about sixty billion francs, it is added by the newspaper, which prints the news with reserve.

perity be restored to the world.

"The condition Ireland causes me grave concern, but a bill will be immediately laid before you to give effect to proposals for a better government of that country, which was outlined at the end of the last session of Parliament. A bill will be further provided for education in Ireland will also be submitted. Absence of facilities for education for a considerable part of the child population of certain districts makes the question of education a matter of great importance. It will be taken to make the measure compatible with the home rule bill.

"Despite increased agricultural production during the war, the populations of these islands are still dangerously dependent upon supplies of food from overseas and the financial burden of purchasing such supplies in foreign markets against the adverse rate of exchange is very great.

"Uneasiness is also being caused by the unprecedented sale of landed property since the war. A measure will, accordingly, be proposed to mitigate any hardship which this operation may cause those who occupy the soil, and to stimulate and develop production of essential foodstuffs within the United Kingdom."

GERMANY TO INDICT ALLEES; TO SUBSISTENCE FOR GUILTY

Ex-Crown Prince Offers To Take Place of Countrymen.

OTHERS MERELY SERVED COUNTRY

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—Former Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany has offered to give himself up to the allies in place of the hundreds of Germans demanded for extradition on the list recently submitted to Berlin, according to a telegram purporting to have come from him published in the Handelsblad of this city. The telegram is addressed to the kings of England, Belgium and Italy, the presidents of France and the United States and the Emperor of Japan. In it the ex-crown prince is reported as saying:

"As the ex-crown prince, I wish to take the place of my countrymen. If the allied and associated governments desire a victim let them take me instead of the 900 Germans who committed no other crimes than to serve their country in war."

Washington, Feb. 10.—The former German Crown Prince, cabled President Wilson offering to surrender himself for trial if the Allied governments insist. The message was in President Wilson's hands today.

White House officials admitted that the message, sent from Wieringen, Holland, had been received but would not make public its text.

URGES SILVER AND GOLD AT OLD RATIO

Washington, Feb. 10.—Declaring that foreign exchange had become the "international problem" without the last six months and unless adjusted soon "commercial chaos" would overwhelm international trade, Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, urged in a speech today the re-establishment of the old ratio between gold and silver and the creation of international bi-metalism.

"The time has come," he said, "when America should take the initiative and renew its proposal of 1897 for the establishment of parity between the ancient monetary metals, whose relative values now oscillate between 15-1-2 and 15 to 1."

Europe, bereft of gold and burdened with an enormous debt, Senator Thomas declared, faces the problem of re-establishing and reconstructing her foreign trade and would welcome any system of international stabilization of silver and gold values that could be accomplished with endangering the financial stability of international commerce or credit. The slow but steady rise in the value of silver during the war in spite of efforts to prevent it more than restored the old equilibrium between gold and silver, he said, until today gold is the cheaper metal and it, rather than silver needs the steady influence of an international agreement.

The United States cannot coin silver dollars today except at a loss Senator Thomas said and the country will soon apply as well to fractional currency. On such a basis he declared, the coins will go to the melting pot as fast as they are made and inevitably precipitate throughout the world a famine in fractional currency unless the ratio be adjusted by international agreement.

The volume of paper money in the world is out of all proportion to the value of specie, he said, and in this condition lies the secret of the international exchange crisis. At the beginning of the war the total paper money of the thirty principal nations of the world amounted to about seven billion dollars he declared and in December, 1919, it had increased to more than forty billion dollars while the gold reserves of the same countries had remained practically stationary at around seven billion dollars.

NEW YORK IS STILL STRUGGLING WITH SNOWFALL

New York, Feb. 10.—With all but a few of the city's principal thoroughfares still blocked by snow drifts several feet high, New York was hit again today by another drifting snow storm. Fanned by a strong easterly wind, snow began falling at four o'clock this morning and the weather man could offer little hope of an immediate let up, although there was a prospect that the snow would give rain to rain before the day was over.

Most of Manhattan's "third rail" surface car system was still out of commission this morning with channels clogged with ice and snow. In some sections hard packed snow more than one foot thick covered the tracks. Slight delays were also noted on the steam and electric lines entering the city.

WOULD RESTRAIN FRAZEE FROM SELLING INTERESTS

Boston, Feb. 10.—A bill to restrain H. H. Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, from selling any of his interests in the playing field of Fenway was filed here today by counsel for J. J. Lannin, former owner of the Red Sox. The suit followed an announcement by counsel for Lannin that Fenway Park, home grounds of the Boston club, would be sold at auction to obtain payment of a note for \$282,000 given by Frazee when DEWALT SUCCEEDED SAUNDERS.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Dewalt of Pennsylvania, has been elected chairman of the Democratic caucus to succeed Representative Saunders, Virginia, who resigned, preparatory to resigning his seat in congress to become a judge of the Virginia Supreme Court. Mr. Dewalt was unopposed.

Are Held In Bonds Of \$5,000

Accused Attorneys Ask For Immediate Trial In City Court.

CASE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 19

Arrested last night by Detectives Seery and Washburn, four Bridgeport attorneys, Francis J. Breen, offices at 1183 Main street; Henry Greenstein, offices at 886 Main street; Solomon Badesch, offices at 1188 Main street, and Henry Mesard, formerly of New York, but now practicing in this city, were arraigned in the city court this morning, charged with conspiracy. The motion of Prosecuting Attorney Alexander L. DeLaney for a postponement until Feb. 19 was granted by Judge Frederic A. Bartlett despite eloquent pleas on the part of Attorneys Jacob B. Klein and Henry Shannon, representing the defendants, and Attorney Greenstein himself, that the case go on immediately. The cases were continued under the same bonds of \$5,000 which the attorneys posted last night immediately after their arrest.

The complaint entered against the lawyers charges them with conspiracy to defraud to the amount of \$10,000 in the sale of the patent rights to an electric water heater invented by Andrew P. Nichols of this city. The complaint adds further that the sum of \$10,000 which should have been turned over to Nichols as part payment of his royalties in the heater, was split up between Nichols' own lawyer, Greenstein, and the three other attorneys who are alleged to have been mixed up in the case as representatives of the Bridgeport Machine Tool company, manufacturers of the electric water heater. Nichols also acted as representative of Henry Robken, of New York City, agent for the electric heaters.

It is alleged that \$10,000, half of which was furnished by Louis M. Land, of the Tool company and the other half by Henry Robken, was turned over to Greenstein, Nichols' attorney, for payment to the inventor, Breen is said to have paid over the money, after which it is said to have been split up between Nichols, Greenstein and Mesard. The upshot of the whole matter seems to be that Nichols never received a nickel of the money. Greenstein is accused of having received \$2,500 of the sum, while \$7,500 is said to have been locked up in a safe deposit vault in New York City. The remaining \$400 has not been accounted for.

After this transaction, which he thought to be of a rather shady character, Nichols consulted another attorney, detained by United States customs officers while a car was being sought to convey him to jail, made a break for liberty. A military policeman on duty at the custom house fired on the fugitive. The bullet struck him in the chest and he died shortly thereafter.

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Prepare List of Allied Soldiers and High Officials.

STILL CONFERRING ON EXTRADITION

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Germany is preparing a list containing the names of allied soldiers and high officials who are accused by the Berlin government of violations of the laws of war, and plans to submit it as a counter proposal to the demands of the allies for extradition of Germans who are alleged to be war criminals.

This list is in the course of compilation, and it is expected it will soon be ready for publication and delivery. It will contain specific indictments based upon alleged authenticated material which is on file in the German archives. It was stated tonight Germany, however, would not demand extradition of the men named in its indictment.

The committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly today decided to support the government's stand in declaring "the ethical and patriotic indignation of the German people at the Allied demands for extradition of Germans accused of war crimes is such that the carrying out of extradition measures have been made physically impossible and would produce internal insurrection."

Independent Social members refused to subscribe to this declaration which was adopted at the meeting of the committee which lasted for three hours this afternoon. The government has decided to submit the official extradition list to the first attorney general at Leipzig, with instructions to investigate the offenses listed and determine whether the charges made by the allies can be punished under the German criminal or civil codes. He will also be asked to determine to what extent these charges trespass upon the rule of warfare. It is presumed the attorney general will proceed on the ground that the entente list presents material evidence against German subjects, and may prosecute the accused in the same manner as if the charges had been filed in any other way.

Independent socialists, who hitherto have shown only passive interest in the situation, while carefully protecting the party's prestige, are generally believed to oppose extradition on principle.

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R. R. UNION HEADS MAKE FINAL MOVE FOR SETTLEMENT

IF MEN STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 17 IT WILL BE OPENING WEDGE FOR GENERAL STRIKE OF ALL R. R. EMPLOYEES IF DEMANDS ARE REFUSED.

Lexington Is Guarded By Soldiers

Soldiers Guard Streets to Prevent Recurrence of Rioting

DEATH TOLL IS INCREASED TO 5

Lexington, Feb. 10.—Dawn today found Lexington an armed camp. Squads of armed soldiers who saw service at Chateau Thierry were patrolling the streets or guarding all approaches to the city to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's mob violence that cost the lives of seven persons and caused injury to a score of others.

William Lockett, negro slayer of ten year old Geneva Hardman, a school girl, was confined in a steel cage in the Fayette county court house here, awaiting removal either to the state reformatory at Frankfort or to the prison at Eddyville.

Additional troops were rushed to the scene from Camp Zachary Taylor during the late afternoon and evening and martial law was declared by Brigadier General F. C. Marshall upon his arrival.

Reports last night that 1500 mountaineers were enroute to Lexington to lynch Lockett, caused the commanding officer to throw cordons of troops across every road leading to the city and to place other detachments at every strategic point within the city. So extensive were the plans to prevent a further uprising that at 10 o'clock last night the brigadier general announced that the situation was under control and that no further trouble was expected.

No attempt will be made by the authorities to remove Lockett from the steel cage until danger of further violence has passed, it was announced.

Business was being conducted as usual here today despite the presence of the troops.

Death last night of J. M. Rogers, 61, a farmer of near Versailles, Woodford county, shot during the rioting, brought the death toll to five.

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69 NEW FLU CASES REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT

Expect Epidemic Will Reach Peak Tomorrow.

Bridgeport's epidemic of Spanish influenza and pneumonia in its various forms is expected to reach its peak tomorrow. This statement was issued by Dr. Brown from his office in the Health Department this morning and is the opinion shared by many of the physicians of the city who have been in constant contact with the victims since the disease first became virulent. The number of new cases reported this noon was 69, a substantial increase over the past few days. The total number of cases now stands at 1235.

During the week of Feb. 2 there were 24 deaths from "flu" and 14 from pneumonia. This mark is 20 cases above that of last year. For the same period in 1919 there were nine cases of influenza and 11 of pneumonia.

4,000 CHILDREN 56 TEACHERS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL

School figures took another leap today when 4,000 children were reported absent from school. This represents an increase of 500 pupils over yesterday and up to noontime all of the schools of the city had filed returns. Yesterday's report showed 56 teachers absent and today's 42 with some schools still to be heard from.

ENLISTED MEN GIVEN 63 PER CENT. OF MEDALS

Washington, Feb. 10.—Enlisted men of the army received 63 per cent. of the medals awarded for service in the world war. It is shown in statistics made public today by the War Department.

To enlisted men went 57 out of the total of 73 Congressional Medals of Honor awarded, while 3,593 out of the 5,109 Distinguished Service Crosses conferred were given to enlisted men. All of the 641 Distinguished Service Medals, awarded for meritorious service and for acts of valor, were conferred on officers.

The Thirtieth Division, which, the Twenty-Seventh Division, broke the famous Hindenburg line, received two medals of honor, or 15 per cent. of the total of those decorations awarded.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10.—Executive officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and shop laborers were going ahead with strike plans today while a committee of heads of various divisions of the union were enroute to Washington, where they will make a final effort, if called into conference by Director General Hines, to avert the walkout on February 17 of nearly 300,000 railway workers.

Washington, Feb. 10.—White House and railroad administration officials regard "as most serious" the railroad situation precipitated by the orders for a strike February 17, issued by officers of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

Secretary Tumulty will see President Wilson today to lay before him the matter, emphasizing the possibility that this strike may be the opening wedge for a general strike of all railroad employes should the wage demands be refused by Director General Hines at his conference with union officials now in progress.

Mr. Hines is understood to have conferred with Secretary Tumulty for more than three hours last night, outlining the situation for presentation to the president.

25 BARGES OF COAL REACH HARBOR TODAY

This Will Go Far to Avert Threatened Fuel Shortage.

The threatened shortage of coal in this city was much relieved by the arrival this morning of 25 barges of soft coal for local industries and dealers.

These boats have been held at the lower end of the Sound for the past two weeks by the ice. Some of them had originally been consigned to ports farther east but were diverted to Bridgeport by the government officials on account of the reported shortage of coal here.

Each of the barges contains about 1,000 tons and this will go a long way towards supplying the local wants for the next month.

Several trains of coal also arrived and the coal situation here is now very satisfactory.

The steamer's Chester W. Chapin and the New Hampshire are still at the steamboat dock awaiting orders to sail.

A small transfer steamer, with some of the freight from the Maine, which is still on Execution Reef, arrived in the harbor during the night and after unloading left to get another load.

The lighthouse tender Pansy arrived in the harbor this morning for coal and water. She has been adjusting and re-loading the tank buoys along the Sound that had been moved by the recent storms.

PERSISTED IN DISREGARDING ALL WARNING

Burns Would Not Leave Inside Step—Testimony Varies

"We're all right. We don't care" were the replies Michael Burns and another passenger are alleged to have made when warned to get off the inside step of a trolley car platform from which Burns was swept off and killed last Friday. Michael Gavrilik, 139 Grand street, testified regarding Burns' remark when the Burns fatal quest was resumed by Coroner Phelan this morning. The witness said he and several others shouted to Burns and his companion. He stated that neither the car that Burns was on nor the car which approached on the other track was going fast.

His testimony differed from that of George Pasternak, 148 Holly street, also a passenger on the car on which Burns was riding. Pasternak declared this car was going fast and that neither motorman sounded the gong. George Kowalsky, 679 Arctic street, told practically the same story as Pasternak.

The fatality happened on Barnum avenue about 6:15 last Friday morning. The motorman testified last week that he did not see Burns riding on the inside step of the platform. The coroner reserved his finding.

SIBERIAN REDS TAKE ALEXANDROVSK

Honolulu, Feb. 9.—(By the A. P.)—Siberian Bolsheviks have captured Alexandrovsk, capital of the island of Sakhalin, and fear is felt that the radical forces may enter Japan proper, according to a special cable dispatch from the Tokyo correspondent of Nippon Jiji, Honolulu Japanese language newspaper.